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To-day, the 23d, the government at Caracas gave permission to the authorities here to allow the *Augusto* to again enter the port and this time discharge its passengers. And a number of them informed me that there was some smallpox in and about Maracaibo, "and that there was much yellow fever in Cucuta, Colombia." As the latter place seems to have considerable business with Maracaibo, on account of being the only real outlet and inlet the Liberal party of Colombia has possession of, doubtless Consul Plummer has advised you the state of health existing in his district.

Puerto Cabello consular district is free of contagious diseases at the present time, to the best of my knowledge.

Should such a disease appear you will hear from me by cable if serious, and by letter if mild.

Respectfully,

LUTHER F. ELLSWORTH,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AFRICA—*Cape Town*.—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 60,000. Total number of deaths, 235, including enteric fever, 18; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 10, and 11 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BRITISH GUIANA—*Demerara—Georgetown*.—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 36,567. Total number of deaths, 218. No contagious diseases reported.

CUBA—*Havana*.—Month of April, 1900. Estimated population, 235,000. Total number of deaths, 482, including enteric fever, 5, and 80 from tuberculosis.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo*.—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 31,279. Total number of deaths, 75. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*Nice*.—Twenty days ended April 30, 1900. Estimated population, 120,000. Total number of deaths, 146, including enteric fever, 1, and 2 from smallpox.

GERMANY—*Dresden*.—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 404,500. Total number of deaths, 693, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 2; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 9, and 98 from phthisis pulmonalis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended April 28, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 20.3 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,610,296. The highest rate was recorded in Wolverhampton, viz, 30.8, and the lowest in Birkenhead, viz, 12.9.

*London*.—One thousand seven hundred and twenty-one deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 68; scarlet fever, 11; diphtheria, 20; whooping cough, 40; enteric fever, 8; and diarrhea and dysentery, 17. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate

of 19.6 a thousand. In Greater London 2,290 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 18.0 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 8 from diphtheria, 13 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, and 17 from whooping cough.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended April 28, 1900, in the 22 principal town districts of Ireland was 23.3 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,062,188. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz, 10.2, and the highest in Clonmel, viz, 63.3 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 178 deaths were registered, including enteric fever, 5, and 2 from whooping cough.

*Scotland.*—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended April 28, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 21.7 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,606,935. The lowest mortality was recorded in Perth, viz, 15.2, and the highest in Glasgow, viz, 24.6 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 672, including diphtheria, 5; measles, 24; scarlet fever, 6; whooping cough, 23, and 2 from smallpox.

*JAMAICA—Kingston.*—Month of April, 1900. Estimated population, 46,542. Total number of deaths, 108, including measles, 1, and 11 from phthisis pulmonalis.

*JAPAN—Formosa—Tamsui.*—Month of March, 1900. Estimated population, 2,797,543. Total number of deaths not reported. Seventy deaths from plague reported.

*JAVA—Batavia.*—Two weeks ended April 7, 1900. Estimated population, 150,000. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious or infectious diseases reported.

*MALTA.*—Two weeks ended April 15, 1900. Estimated population, 181,698. Total number of deaths, 217, including enteric fever, 1; whooping cough, 3, and 4 from Mediterranean fever.